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NOTE: The next issue of The State CSBG Director's Digest will come to your inbox Monday, March 1st, due to NASCSP's 2010 Mid-Winter Training Conference taking place next week, February 22-26.

EVENTS

Introduction to CSBG

February 26; 1PM EST

Level: Overview, CPE Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge and Applications

Explore the ins and outs of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act, the linchpin of the current Community Action movement. Join us for a discussion of: the composition, roles, and responsibilities of tripartite boards; limitations on the use of CSBG funds; allocation, payment and carryover of those funds; reduction and termination of CSBG funding; and designation of new entities eligible to receive CSBG funds. [Learn more...](#)

Right on the Money: Complying with OMB Circular A-122

March 26; 1PM EST

Level: Overview, CPE Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge and Applications

Compliance with OMB Circular A-122 - the federal cost principle circular for nonprofits - is crucial for CAAs and other organizations receiving federal grants. This audio conference will provide an overview of the circular's general principles, how to distinguish between direct and indirect costs, and different methods for allocating indirect costs. Using CAPLAW's annotated guide to A-122, this session will also examine selected items of cost - both the plain language of individual rules and how to apply the principles in combination to particularly thorny issues faced by grantees. CAPLAW's A-122 guide will also be offered at a reduced price to all conference registrants. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Five Myths About the 2010 Census and the U.S. Population

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Every 10 years, we have to count people. At least that's what Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution says. It doesn't sound too complicated. But it is. Who gets counted, and how, determines not only congressional representation but how funding is distributed for a slew of federal programs that affect all of us. As we prepare to stand and be counted in 2010 -- and the U.S. Census Bureau is spending a lot of advertising money to make sure that everyone is -- let's note a few misconceptions about our population and the efforts to tally us up. [Learn more...](#)

Building a Government That Delivers Greater Value

and Results to the American People

By John Podesta, Reece Rushing

President Obama's pledge sounds simple-his administration will do what works and operate efficiently and transparently. But it presents a profound challenge. Government currently does a poor job of evaluating program performance. Federal agencies are plagued by bloated management that is neither empowered nor held accountable. And the use of information technologies lacks coordination and vision, impeding greater transparency. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Making Health Reform More Affordable for Working Families: The Effect of Employee Choice Vouchers

Matthew Buettgens, Linda J. Blumberg

Many low-income workers would be prevented from accessing subsidies under current health reform proposals if they are offered employer-sponsored health insurance (ESI). This report examines the effectiveness of two employee choice voucher options in making health care more affordable for such families. Findings show that employee choice vouchers would make health coverage dramatically more affordable for the low-income families who take advantage of them, would increase insurance coverage very modestly, and would not significantly change government or employer spending. The voucher programs considered would modestly reduce the number of people covered by ESI while having little effect on premiums. [Learn more...](#)

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